

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President, Thomas Hauser Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving. A representative of the *Perry County News* was also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAYROLL

The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$119,581.55 for the payroll distributed on September 9, 2013 Bill made a motion to approve the docket, and Randy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT

Elliot Englert of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission informed the Commissioners that Indiana 15 had been awarded a \$400,000 Brownfields Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct Environmental Site Assessments. He explained that they will look at Brownfields sites in the 6 county area. Both public and privately owned properties are eligible for the grant. Phase I of the grant will look at site history, conduct interviews, and visual surveys will be done on sites to identify recognized environmental conditions. Phase II will be based on the recognized environmental conditions that are found. He asked that the commissioners develop a list of potential brownfields sites in Perry County by February 2014. In February 2014 Indiana 15 will procure an Environmental Consultant to conduct Environmental Site Assessments. Elliot explained that at today's meeting he was asking the commissioners to pass the Memorandum of Agreement. The agreement will be signed by Indiana 15 along with commissioners from the 6 county area. Randy made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

INMATE HEALTHCARE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Sheriff Lee Chestnut presented the commissioners with an agreement to provide inmate healthcare service with Quality Correctional Care, LLC. Lee stated that he would like to cancel the current contract that he has with Advanced Correctional. Lee explained that this new company will provide a doctor once a week and a nurse will visit the jail for a total of 8 hours a week. He also explained that the nurse could be a local nurse, and would be hired by Quality Correctional Care. Lee stated that this company is an Indiana owned company and will reduce the liability for the county on medical care of the inmates. Randy made the motion to approve the agreement with Quality Correctional Care, LLC with a start date of November 1, 2013. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Hospital Board of Trustees: County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, reminded the commissioners that they had received a letter from the Hospital Board of Trustees listing three people for them to consider for the replacement of Don Etienne, who passed away earlier in the year. The names submitted were Becky Genet, Becky Hubert, and Jean Wood. Bill stated that he had spoken with all three ladies and felt they all would be good on the board. Randy stated that he felt they are all good candidates for the opening on the hospital board. Bill made the motion for Becky Hubert to replace Don Etienne on the Hospital Board of Trustees with her term ending September 30th 2016. Randy seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0 with Tom abstaining because of being employed by the hospital

Hospital Board of Trustees: County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, explained that the appointment of Grant Taylor will expire on September 30, 2013. No letter of interest had been received from the public. Randy made a motion to reappoint Grant Taylor for another 4 year term ending September 30, 2017. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0 with Tom abstaining because of being employed by the hospital.

PERRY COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE AND DETENTION CENTER

Commissioner Bill Amos explained that he had been asked by many people when the new detention center would be completed. Bill stated that at this time they are looking at January or February of 2014.

AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

Commissioner Randy Kleaving stated that he along with Bill and Tom have been doing a lot of research on the EMS in order to add another unit in the County. The commissioners feel they have to take it one step at a time on this issue. The current contract was signed in 1986, and Randy feels they should review the contract before going for any further. The current contract renews every year unless a 90 day notice is given. Randy feels that the contract should be reviewed before making any discussions on adding another unit in the northern part of the county. Randy made the motion to review the contract with the hospital on the EMS. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY CAR

Commissioner Tom Hauser explained that the commissioners had received 8 quotes on a vehicle to be used by county employees. Four of the quotes came in under the budget of \$22,000. Bill made the motion to accept the quote from Ubelhor & Sons of Jasper for a 2014 Impala in the amount of \$18,562. Randy seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY 37 SLIDE

Pam Granderson asked if the bid had been awarded on the Highway 37 slide. The commissioners explained that the bid was awarded to Lutgring Brothers and they should start work in October. If they have good weather it should only take them one month to complete the project. That section of road will be repaved in 2014.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Commissioners will be on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes approved this 15th day of October, 2013.

Thomas J. Hauser, President

Bill Amos

Randy Kleaving

*Minutes prepared by:
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